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Title: SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING SUBSCRIPTION-BASED VIRTUAL  
      COMPUTING SERVICES

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 11/20/2006**

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